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1. US POLICY TOWARD CYPRUS REMAINS AS SET FORTH BY UNDER SECRETARY SISCO IN HIS JULY 17 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR GRANFIL (REFTEL B). AMBASSADOR SHOULD NOT RPT NOT GO BEYOND SISCO'S STATEMENTS.
2. FOLLOWING WRAPUP OF CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS AS OF COB WASHINGTON JULY 18 IS STRICTLY FOR AMBASSADOR'S INFORMATION:
3. THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS: NICOS SAMPSON TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN NICOSIA TODAY THAT HIS REGIME WILL UNIFY CYPRUS AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE WHICH WILL UPHOLD ALL EXISTING INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS. HE CALLED FOR "ENLARGED TALKS" BETWEEN THE CYPRIOT GREEK AND TURKISH COMMUNITIES. THE SAMPSON REGIME'S ROUND-UP OF ALLEGED

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LEFTISTS AND OTHER OPPONENTS REPORTEDLY CONTINUES, WITH

MORE THAN 1000 PEOPLE HAVING BEEN JAILED THUS FAR. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1968 THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE IMPOSED A ROADBLOCK ON THE ENTRANCE TO NICOSIA'S TURKISH ENCLAVE. THE TURKISH CYPRIOT MILITIA (TMT) TOTAL STRENGTH THROUGHOUT

THE ISLAND NUMBERING ABOUT 10,000, IS FULLY MOBILIZED, WITH DEFENSIVE POSITIONS DOUBLY AND TRIPLY MANNED. THE UK HICOM TOLD US SIX TURKISH AIR FORCE JETS OVERFLEW CYPRUS EARLY TODAY.

4. ATMOSPHERICS IN TURKEY AND GREECE: (A) ANKARA: AFTER MEETING IN AN EXTRAORDINARY CLOSED SESSION THIS AFTERNOON, THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT RECESSED UNTIL JULY 20 TO ALLOW PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT TO RETURN FROM LONDON AND REPORT ON HIS TALKS THERE. THE TURKISH AIR AND NAVY CHIEFS ARE REPORTEDLY URGING EARLY INTERVENTION IN CYPRUS. THE TURKISH MILITARY IS REPORTED IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS. (B) ATHENS: A HIGH-LEVEL EMERGENCY MEETING IS REPORTEDLY IN SESSION AT THE GREEK PENTAGON. THE GREEK AIR FORCE IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN PUT ON A HEIGHTENED STATE OF ALERT. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE COUP THAT OVERTURNED MAKARIOS, THE GREEK FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ALLEGEDLY CEASED TO FUNCTION AS A SUBSTANTIVE MINISTRY. THE MINISTRY IS TRANSMITTING MESSAGES TO ITS EMBASSIES DRAFTED IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND IS PASSING ON TO THAT OFFICE WITHOUT COMMENT MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM ABROAD.

5. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY: TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT MET WITH TOP BRITISH OFFICIALS IN LONDON SEVERAL TIMES LATE YESTERDAY AND EARLY TODAY. US UNDER SECRETARY SISCO, WHO ARRIVED IN LONDON EARLY TODAY HAS HAD TWO MEETINGS WITH BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN AND TWO MEETINGS WITH ECEVIT. DURING THE DAY THE LATTER TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE SITUATION IS "VERY GRAVE...THE TIME ELEMENT IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE HOUR BY HOUR THE GREEK MILITARY PRESENCE IN CYPRUS IS INCREASING AND CONSOLIDATING THE ILLEGAL REGIME THERE." UNDER SECRETARY SISCO EXPECTS TO GO TO ATHENS TOMORROW (JUNE 19) FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO ANKARA.

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6. UNITED NATIONS: MAKARIOS IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS THE SECURITY COUNCIL THE MORNING OF JULY 19. ABOUT SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SAMPSON REGIME EXPECT TO VISIT NEW YORK FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING. IN GRANTING THEM VISITORS' VISAS THE USG HAS NOT ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY ARE TECHNICALLY "REPRESENTATIVES" OF THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ARE STILL BEING DISCUSSED BY MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, BUT NO

CONCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED. USUN REPORTS AFTER A
DISCUSSION WITH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR THAT THE UK
MAY BE PREPARED TO GO FARTHER IN SUPPORTING MAKARIOS IN
THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAN WE HAD INITIALLY EXPECTED. INGERSOLL

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